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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

GOOD HOPE, Leake Co., }
Oct. 22, 1887. }

THE HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in its Thirty-eight Session, with the Baptist church at Good Hope, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator of the last Association, W. P. Dorrill.

The Moderator read 34th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Elder R. E. Melvin, after which the body went into permanent organization.

Elders J. T. Christian and J. J. W. Mathis were requested to act as Reading Clerks. Letters from sixteen churches were read and delegates, names enrolled.

The body now went into permanent organization by electing W. P. Dorrill Moderator and Jno. P. Hickman Clerk and Treasurer.

The body now took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. to hear the Introductory Sermon.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Dorrill, from John 4th chapter and latter clause of the 38th verse, to a large and attentive congregation.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the body assembled in the house, and, after devotional exercises, the Moderator announced the body ready for business.

Letters from those churches not present in the morning called for when the delegates from Carthage and Salem presented themselves with letters. Letters read and delegates' names enrolled.

Brother W. J. Miles was received as a delegate from New Providence church; also Brother G. W. Horten, from Harmony church.

The letter from Rocky Point was then read and delegates' names enrolled.

On motion, Brethren W. J. Miles, T. B. Blailock and J. A. Thomas, with pastor and deacons of this church were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

Petitionary letters called for when the following brethren, with letter, were received and their names enrolled:

New Union—Elders Samuel Green and W. W. Thomas.

Midway—Brethren S. D. Jackson and W. I. Phillips.

Hopewell—J. M. Sandidge and I. T. Smith.

Elders R. E. Melvin, J. H. Davis, R. G. Barrett and Brethren J. N. Denson, J. H. Hickman and George Yeager were appointed a committee to confer with the Carthage brethren in reference to the condition of the Carthage church.

Elders Christian and Mathis were requested to act with said committee.

Received Correspondence.

From Convention Board—Elder J. T. Christian.

Mt. Olive Association—Elder J. M. Pearson, Brother T. I. Steed.

Central Association—Elder J. J. W. Mathis.

Returned Correspondence.

Kosciusko Association—R. E. Melvin, W. R. Lacy

W. P. Dorrill, W. J. Miles and T. J. Moore.

Yazoo Association—B. G. Gernier, J. W. McKay.

Central Association—R. E. Melvin, R. G. Barrett, T. E. Morris, J. H. Hickman, J. N. Denson and George Yeager.

Mt. Pisgah Association—E. T. Barnett, W. W. Thomas and J. H. Davis.

Springfield Association—W. S. Rushing, J. H. Denson, E. T. Barnett, T. E. Morris and J. C. Denson.

Choctaw Association—E. T. Barnett.

Baptist State Convention—W. R. Lacy, H. Collier, E. T. Barnett, J. H. Davis, W. W. Thomas, W. J. Miles, George Yeager, W. P. Dorrill and J. N. Denson.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Report adopted.* (Report A.)

The following was offered by Elder R. E. Melvin and adopted :

Resolved, That this body meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M., and spend half hour at each meeting in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12:30 o'clock and 4:30 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the appointing of committees was deferred until to-night.

On motion, that a collection be taken to-morrow after services for State Missions.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock, Monday morning.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder R. G. Barrett, 9 o'clock A. M.

Elder J. T. Christian preached in Baptist church at 11 A. M. to a large and attentive congregation. Text: Lev. 17:11.

Elder J. J. W. Mathis preached in Methodist church at same hour. Text: Heb. 10: 23, 24, 25.

At 2 o'clock p. m. Sabbath-school mass-meeting conducted by Elder J. T. Christian.

At 7 o'clock p. m. Elder J. P. Hickman preached in Baptist church. Text: Heb. 2: 2, and first clause of 3d verse.

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THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 24th, 8: 30 o'clock A. M.

After half hour's devotional exercises the body was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, Brother E. T. Goober was appointed a member of the Finance Committee in place of Brother B. G. Gearnier who had gone home.

On motion, Brother R. E. Melvin was excused from preaching at 11 o'clock and the report on Missions be set for that hour.

On motion, That all speeches be limited to five minutes, except the Chairman, and he to have ten minutes.

On motion, Brother T. J. Moore was made a member of committee on Missions in place of Brother B. G. Gearnier.

Reports of committees called for when the committee on Publications reported. Report discussed and adopted. (Report B.)

On motion, That Brother R. E. Melvin preach a doctrinal sermon at 7 o'clock to-night.

Committee on Sabbath-Schools reported as follows, and adopted (Report C.)

Committee on Nominations reported, discussed and adopted. (Report D.)

Committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College reported, discussed and adopted. (Report. E.)

Committee on Missions reported, and ably discussed by Brother Christian and others, and adopted Report F.)

Committee on Obituaries reported and adopted. (Report G.)

Committee on Finance reported and adopted. (Report H.)

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock P. M. Committee on Queries and Requests reported.

On motion, the requests in the report be taken up, one at a time, whereupon the request of Good Hope, (Madison county,) church in asking for the next meeting of the Association was taken up and adopted.

The second and third clauses were then taken up in order, amended and adopted. (Report J.)

Committee on Temperance reported, discussed and adopted. (Report K.)

Committee on State of Religion reported and adopted. (Report L.)

The Report of Executive Board was read and adopted. (Report M.)

Report of committee to confer with Carthage Brethren read and adopted. (Report N.)

Resolved, That the Clerk and Treasurer be allowed fifteen dollars (15 dollars) for his services and that he draw on the treasury for same.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be, and are

hereby tendered our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be, and are hereby tendered this church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Executive Board be held with the Center Hill church commencing on Friday before fifth Sabbath in January, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that Elder E. T. Barnett preach the introductory sermon and Elder R. G. Barrett his alternate.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That this Association realizing the great importance of a permanent house of worship at Carthage, hereby assure that church of our interest and that we are ready to unite with them in effecting this object.

Resolved 2d, That the churches of this Association and Baptist individually throughout our bounds be urged to contribute liberally for this purpose.

Resolved 3d, That the members of Carthage Church be requested to take steps at once to take subscriptions for this purpose, with the view of an early erection of such house.

Resolved, That our next National Thanksgiving Day be observed by all the churches of the Association as a special thanksgiving to God for His special blessings to us as an Association.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet with Good Hope Church, Madison County, on Saturday before fourth (4) Sabbath in October, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m.

After singing, "Children of the Heavenly King,"

and extending the parting hand, the Association adjourned with benediction by Elder J. J. W. Mathis.

W. P. DARRILL,
Moderator.

JAS. P. HICKMAN,
Clerk.

REPORTS

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A.—Report on Religious Exercises.

That Elder R. G. Barrett conduct Prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock a. m., Sabbath; Elder J. T. Christian preach in Baptist Church at 11 o'clock; Elder J. J. W. Mathis in Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

Sabbath-school mass-meeting at 2½ o'clock P. M.; Elder J. P. Hickman preach at 7 o'clock P. M., and Elder R. E. Melvin preach Monday at 11 o'clock A. M.

T. E. MORRIS,
Chairman.

B.—Report on Publications.

Of periodicals. We would first recommend the Southern Baptist Record, then the Baptist Reflector, and Ford's Christian Repository which if read will be of great help to Christ's kingdom on earth; but most especially and above all the Bible, which will make us wise unto salvation.

J. H. DAVIS,
G. W. BRANTLY,
A. M. BARNETT,
Committee.

C.—Report on Sabbath Schools.

So far as we can judge from the church letters, the interest in that grand cause is growing, and the growth appears to be healthy. In order to a still more vigorous growth, both in numbers and efficiency, we recommend—

1st, That all Sunday-school workers study to make themselves better acquainted with the method of Sunday-school work.

2nd, That every teacher and superintendent make it a point to know the lesson before coming into school.

3d, That parents assist the younger children in the study of the lessons; to this end we recommend that a portion of time be set apart each week by teachers, parents and children for the study of the lesson.

We recommend a teacher's and superintendent's class, of about half hour each morning, just before school begins.

5th, We recommend that parents do not send but take their children to Sunday-school.

6th, We recommend in order to prompt attention, some Saturday evening preparations and early rising on Sunday morning.

7, We recommend that every child be trained from the start in the exercise of Christian giving, and that at as early an age as practicable each one be trained in some way to earn his or her own contribution.

7th, That each child be early trained to do Sunday-school mission work—to go out, hunt up and bring in others.

And if there be anything else that will promote the interest of the school, do it; and as these thoughts are only suggestions, we recommend,

9th, That you ever remember the saying of Solomon:

“Wisdom is profitable to direct.”

All this is intended for churches in which schools already exist; where they are not, we have but two recommendations—start one as soon as possible, and keep it going.

R. E. MELVIN,
Chairman.

D—On Nominations.

We recommend that the Executive Board for the next year consist of the Ordained Ministers of this Association; ex-officio, and the following laymen: T. G. Ward, J. M. Thomas, W. J. Miles, B. W. Rawson, J. C. Pool, B. G. Gearnier, E. T. Goober, H. Collier, J. N. Denson, Thos. Anderson, Thos. Chilton, J. A. Thomas, Jno. N. Dorrill, A. M. Barnett, George Yeager, W. J. Mathus, W. R. Lacy, G. N. Dorrill, W. I. Phillips, J. M. Sandidge, J. H. Hickman and F. L. Hill.

Also that each church appoint one in addition to the above, making two laymen from each church, members of the Board.

We nominate Elder J. P. Hickman to preach the next introductory sermon and Elder E. T. Barnett his alternate.

R. G. BARRETT,
Chairman.

E—Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.

Education is of first importance to the minister. He must be educated to meet the duties and requirements of his day and generation. The masses are being educated, and there is much educated error in the world; therefore, we are required to meet Greek with Greek. Education enables the minister not only to understand, but simplify the Gospel, and more forcibly present it to the understanding of the people.

Facilities for this education are within the reach of all determined minds. Brethren, permit us to emphasize and lay deep stress upon the importance of prayerful study of Divine Truth: "Study to show yourselves workmen approved of God rightly dividing the word of truth." Brethren, we do not want educated minis-

ters, but ministers educated. To this end we, with pleasure, recommend Mississippi College, at Clinton, and our Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., which have done and are doing so much for the ministry of our denomination.

T. E. MORRIS,

T. J. MOORE,

T. GOOBER,

Committee.

F—On Missions.

The subject assigned us is one so vast in area and grand in importance that to attempt an elaborate discussion of any one of the different missions, claiming our prayerful consideration, would, alone, make a paper too long for the space of an ordinary report, and, therefore, must be content with a mere statement of a very few of the prominent facts.

The report of our State Convention on

FOREIGN MISSIONS

gives a very encouraging outlook. The Board has been well sustained the past year by an increase of contributions from \$78,000 to \$87,000, in which our own State increased her contributions until we now pay nearly \$5,000. The Board has in its various fields twenty men and thirty women, with some fifty-eight natives employed in this work. We feel especially inclined to emphasize our duty to our neighbors.

MEXICO AND BRAZIL.

These have been recently opened to missionary enterprise, and Mexico especially is ready to throw off the yoke of Ramanism and accept the doctrines of the Bible

as taught by Baptists, and it being more consistent with their form of government they are now readily accepting the truth as taught by our missionaries.

The number of church missions in Mexico, 145, a net increase of 80. Brazil, 175, a net increase of 8.

Brother Powell, Missionary to Mexico, reports New Missions opened at Gaudelajora, a city of 100,000 inhabitants, and at Zacatecas of 65,000, and that he expects, soon, to organize ten new churches, seven of which will be self-supporting from the start. That large numbers are being received for baptism, among whom are the best people of the country.

The report from Brazil is also encouraging, but for want of space can here give no details.

STATE MISSIONS,

under the Baptist Convention Board of Mississippi has been well sustained, and much good accomplished. The Board has employed for the whole or part of their time some fifty-six missionaries.

The mission field, within the bounds of our own Association, has been also well sustained under the management of its Executive Board. Much good has been accomplished and three new churches have been constituted as part of the results of its efforts. For further information see Executive Board reports.

But if one Missionary enterprise above another may demand our first and best effort, then

INDIAN MISSIONS

first of all should command our most earnest attention.

The whites, with ruthless hand, has despoiled the In-

dian of this fair land, which for salubrity of climate, its mineral wealth and fertility of soil is unsurpassed on the earth. Teaming millions now occupy it and its productions fill the markets of the world. For this fair land, so grand in its present, and capable of so many greater possibilities for the future, we have not paid them anything worthy of the name. They have been forced back and back, given a reservation to be withdrawn and give another still further back, while all these years, until recently has no organized effort ever been made to christianize the Red man around us and at our own doors. These truths can be uttered only to the shame of the whites. Brethren, let this no longer be said, but to this noble mission henceforth nobly respond with your sympathies and your devout prayers, and for its furtherance let your purse-strings be unloosed. God will bless you for it.

The colored element deserves more than a passing notice. They are among us and are here to stay. The Baptist doctrines and practices must be preserved among them in their pristine purity or degenerate into hurtful and obnoxious isms. If a fostering care be not extended over them, the tendency is to drift away from the "faith once delivered to the saints," and adopt, in its stead, the natural offspring of ignorance, superstition and the traditions of men. From them comes up the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us," and it not calling for pecuniary aid are turning their eyes to their white neighbors for counsel and advice.

Brethren, consider our obligations to this people. God in his providence placed this people under our tutelage. First as our slaves which, perhaps, was the only means then of their civilization and now as fellow-citizens of our commonwealth truly demands our fostering care be extended them, and that we should aid them

by our councils and by our means whenever and wherever necessary.

In conclusion, we urge as the wish of this Association and also of the State Convention, that the respective churches composing this body should attend to these matters—that is take up collections from time to time within itself—ever remembering the Gospel injunction, “Give as the Lord has prospered.”

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DENSON,

A. B. ELLINGTON,

J. C. POOL,

T. J. MOORE,

Committee.

G—On Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows: Since your last meeting, there has been twenty deaths in our bounds. Dear brethren, we remember that we too, sooner or later must pass away, and while we mourn their loss we trust that it is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. BARNETT,

Chairman.

H—On Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, would respectfully submit the following report for the years 1886 and 1887 :

CHURCHES.	Asson'al Pur.	Asson'al Mis.	Foreign Mis.	Home Mis.	State Mis.	Minister's Ed.	Indian Mis.	Total.
Beula.....	1 60	5 00						
Canaan.....	2 50		4 00					
Carthage.....	1 15							
Cabden.....	2 50	8 00						
Center Hill.....	2 00							
Good Hope, L.....	3 40	1 40						
Good Hope, M.....	3 00	5 00						
Hopewell, Ind.....	2 50							
Hopewell.....	3 00							
Jerusalem.....	4 10						75	
Mt. Zion "Ind.".....	2 00	2 00						
Midway.....	60	2 00					4 50	
Mt. Zion.....	4 25							
New Hope.....	2 50							
Pleasant Hill.....	2 15				3 10			
Salem.....	2 00							
Old Rocky Point.....	3 00	4 00						
Rocky Point.....	1 05							
Standing Pine.....	1 85							
Stump Bridge.....	6 35							
Thomastown.....	3 00				13 00			
Harmony.....	1 00							
Totals.....	55 00	\$27 40	\$ 4 00		\$13 75		\$ 5 25	\$ 150 40

Your Committee is grateful to find that the within statement does not represent the full amounts contributed by the churches, as most of the funds have been sent direct to the respective Boards. We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct, with a balance on hand of.....\$ 19 05

105 40

Making a total on hand of.....\$124 45

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE YEAGER,
W. J. MILES,
E. T. COOPER,

Committee.

J—On Queries and Requests.

We find but one church asking for the next session of this body, *via* Good Hope, Madison, and recommend that their request be granted. We find, also, a request from the Pleasant Hill church, asking that you send five of your best conselors to assist them in settling a church trouble, and,

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Hill church states herself to be in a difficulty that she cannot settle within herself, and,

WHEREAS, she asks that this body appoint five of her best disciplinarians to advise with her at 11 o'clock, on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in November, in the settlement of the matter; and,

WHEREAS, 1st: Believing that this body has constitutional right to make such appointment, and that as a precedent it is one fraught with dangers to ourselves, and, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st: That we hereby assure those brethren of Pleasant Hill church of our fullest sympathy in their troubles, but for the reasons set forth in this preamble we must respectfully decline to respond to their request.

Resolved, 2d: That we most earnestly recommend that that church make an effort among themselves to settle with malice in their hearts to none but charity for all, and failing in this then make requests of the churches direct, or to individuals as they may elect. We also recommend that the request of New Hope church, asking that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum of this body, be published in the minutes be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. BLAILOCK,
Chairman.

K—On Temperance.

In God's Word we are taught to be temperate in all things, and as we daily see the great evil arising from the intemperate use of alcohol, we urge upon the masses the total abstinence from all alcoholic preparations as a beverage as sufficient evidence of the great evils arising from the intemperate use of alcohol, let us visit the prisons, alms-houses, asylums and public hospitals. Take a statistical report of these institutions. There we find sufficient evidence to convince the most skeptical that Satan has no more potent agent at his command. As this temperance reformation is God's work, we should go to the fountain of all wisdom for direction and invoke His blessing upon all efforts put forth to exterminate this matchless evil, that the young may be saved from the snares of the tempter and the bonds broken that now hold so many as willing captives in the slavery of strong drink. We believe it to be contrary to the principles of Christianity to encourage the liquor traffic in any way; we believe it to be the duty of the church and Christian world to use every available means in their power to suppress this great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DENSON,

J. H. HICKMAN,

WILLIAM MARTIN,

Committee.

L—On State of Religion.

Beulah in good working order; Canaan Revived; Center Hill, the Lord has blessed; Damascus not represented; Good Hope, (Leake,) at Peace; Good Hope, (Madison), much revived; Jerusalem, in working order; Land Mark, not represented; Mars Hill, not represented; Mt. Carmel, not represented; Mt. Zion, in a pros-

perous condition; New Hope, spiritually strengthened; Mt. Zion, (Choctaw), in working condition; New Providence, peace and harmony prevails; New Salem, not represented; Old Rocky Point, in a prosperous condition; Pleasant Hill, we have some trouble among us; Rocky Point, in a barren condition; Salem, in a working condition; Stump Bridge, the Lord is with us; Thomastown, revived, with some additions; Camden, much revived; Harmony, peace and harmony prevails; Hopewell, in peace—pray for us; Standing Pine, at peace among ourselves; New Union, in good condition; Midway, in our infancy—pray for us; Hopewell, (Choctaw), in good working order.

Respectfull submitted,

W. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

M—Executive Board.

Report of the Executive Board of the Harmony Association for the year 1887:

We would respectfully report that we have held four meetings, as follows: At Stump Bridge, fifth Sabbath in January; at Standing Pine, 5th Sabbath in May; Mt. Zion, 5th Sabbath in July.

At our first meeting we inquired after destitutions in the bounds of our Association when the points at Forest Grove, New Port and Carthage were considered destitutions. Brother Melvin was appointed to supply the destitution of Forest Grove. Brother Barrett the destitution at New Port, and Brother Davis at Carthage, and in May, the point at Phillips' School House was recognized as a destitution, and Brother Foster was appointed to supply it. At the May meeting, the points at Forest Grove and Carthage were discontinued as destitutions. Our Missionaries, Brethren Barrett and Fos-

ter were paid for labor rendered up to the 5th Sunday in May, to-wit: Brother Barrett, six days, \$9 00; Brother Foster, three days, \$4 50, and the said brethren were continued as missionaries.

Saturday night, before 4th Sabbath in October, Board met, and after organization Brother Barrett, our missionary reported twelve days labor. The report was adopted, and Brother Barrett was authorized to draw on the Treasury for the amount due him, which was \$18 00. Summary of work done, Elder R. G. Barrett, eighteen days, \$27 00; Elder J. C. Foster, five days, \$7 50. Two churches have been constituted as the result of our labors, and we recommend a continuance of the same line of labor. Special contribution to Brother E. F. Dendy, \$8 50.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. DORRELL, Moderator.

J. P. HICKMAN, Clerk.

N—Report of Committee to Confer with the Carthage Brethren.

We would dissuade from dissolution until one more effort for life is made; we therefore recommend,

1st, That the live members visit such as are known to be members, but have grown negligent in church attention, and, if possible, induce them to return to the church.

2d, That if any such should refuse to return, they should be promptly excluded.

3d. That all such that have so disappeared that the church has lost sight of them, be cast off as dead weight.

4th. That the case of Carthage be presented to the earnest, prayerful consideration of the Convention Board.

5th. We recommend to the Board, in behalf of the

church, that a live man be located in Carthage, who will give that church one-half of his time, and that a sufficient amount be appropriated to sustain him for that time.

6th. We recommend to all the churches in the county that they realize a deep, personal interest they have in the question of a live Baptist church in the county seat of their county and lend a helping hand while the church is in her struggle for existence.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. MELVIN,
Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN P. HICKMAN, Treasurer.

In Acc't with Harmony Association.

1887.	Dr.		
Oct. 23.	Rec'd of Finance Committee.....	\$105	40
" "	Collected on Sabbath, State Missions..	28	10
" "	" " Foreign "	5	00
" "	" " Indian "	10	95
		\$149	45
	Balance on hand from 1886.....	19	05
	Total.....	\$168	50
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Oct. 23.	Paid Elder J. T. Christian.....	\$66	05
" "	" " J. C. Foster.....	3	00
" "	" " R. G. Barrett.....	18	00
	Total.....	\$	87 05
	On hand.....	81	45
	Balance.....	\$168	50

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
S. J. and J. C. Denson.....	Ludlow, Scott County.
A. B. Ellington.....	Kirkwood, Madison “
R. E. Melvin	Camden, “
R. G. Barrett.....	Couparle City, “
T E. Morris.....	Good Hope, Leake “
A. J. Cockroft.....	Carthage, “
J. C. Foster.....	Edinburg, “
J. H. Davis.....	Palona, “
W. P. Dorrell.	“ “
E. T. Barnett.....	Carthage, “
W. S. Rushing.....	Edinburg, “
J. P. Hickman.....	Canton, Madison “

LICENTIATES.

J. T. Massey.....	Ludlow, Scott County.
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RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

Rule 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.

Rule 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Association nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

Rule 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

Rule 5. No person shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also, pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five minute rule shall be observed.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member, and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

Rule 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered.

Rule 9. Motions, containing two or more propositions shall be divided on the demand of any member, and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and second and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

Rule 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone to a time certain, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

Rule 11. A motion to adjourn, to lay on the table for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion, shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

Rule 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit. Shall the main question be now put? which, if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote, first on any pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to re-consider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

Rule 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

Rule 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

Rule 16. Any resolution, motion or proposition may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

Rule 17. Any two members shall have the right to

demand the ayes and nays on any question before the body.

Rule 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

Rule 19. A motion to suspend the Rules shall be deemed a privileged motion, but no debate will be allowed thereon. A motion to suspend shall state definitely the object for which they are to be suspended, and a "two-thirds vote" must prevail in order to suspension.

Rule 20. *Special Order.*—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote," fix any measure before it, for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

Rule 21. No member shall take a final departure without leave of the body.

Rule 22. The officers of the previous Association shall be *ex-officio* officers of the body, for the purpose of an organization.

Rule 23. *Order of Business.*—The Order of Business, the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Reading the correspondence from the churches and enrollment of the delegates' names.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reception of letters petitioning admittance into the body.
4. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
5. Recess to hear Introductory Sermon.
6. Unfinished business of previous Association.
7. New and miscellaneous business.
8. To appoint the following standing committees, to consist of not less than three members, to-wit: On Order of Business, on Ministerial Education and Missis-

Mississippi College, on Missions, on Publications, on Sunday-schools, on State of Religion, on Queries and Requests, on Nominations, on Finance. *Provided*, That as soon as an organization is effected, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

Rule 24. Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where these Rules are silent.

Rule 25. These Rules may be suspended, altered or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed delegates by our respective churches, and being now assembled in convention, do solemnly unite in the capacity of an Association and for our direction adopt the following Constitution:

Art. 1. *Name and of whom composed*—This body shall be known by the name of HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent.

Art. 2. *Terms of Representation*—Churches represented in this body shall be entitled to two delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five over fifty members.

Art. 3. *Time and Place of Meeting*—This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be previously appointed.

Art. 4. *Officers and their Duties*—After reading the letters from the churches and enrolling the names of the delegates, the Association shall proceed to elect by ballot a Moderator, and a Clerk, who shall also be *ex-officio* Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to

preside over the meetings and do, and discharge all duties imposed on him, as such by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the *ex-officio* Treasurer, to receive all monies belonging to the Association, or its Board and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each annual meeting of the body, one member from each church composing this Association, exclusive of the officers; who, with the officers of the body, who shall be ex-officers of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Board, five of whom shall form a quorum to conduct the business of the Association during the *interim* of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

Art. 5. *Statistics*—It is expected that the churches will send messengers and letters to each annual meeting, giving an account of the state of their respective churches, particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with whole number of members in communion; with these letters each church shall forward money for printing of the minutes.

Art. 6. *Reception of New Churches*—Churches wishing to be represented in this union may apply by letter and messengers, and giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in faith and practice, may be received and as token of the same, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association shall extend to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. *Privileges of the Association*—Although an associate body, we disclaim any power over the churches,

so far as respects an interference with their independence and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves the propriety of continuing any church in our connection, which is either heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship from any church without sufficient cause, it is proposed that when complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, if thought expedient, they may appoint a committee who shall request a conference with said church, in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which form the subject of complaint, and shall report the result to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty shall require.

Art. 8. *Neglecting Representation*—When any church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two consecutive years it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members shall request her continuance, and will also engage to inquire into her standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Art. 9. *Of Correspondence*—This Association may hold correspondence with such Associations, societies or individuals as she shall think proper.

Art. 10. *Of the Spread of the Gospel*—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what she may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the gospel.

Art. 11. *General Provisions*—This Association when convened shall appoint the time and place of next annual meeting, select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, make any other appointment or transact any other business they may judge expedient, and from time

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to time make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate, *provided*, such amendment or alteration shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, and *provided, further*, That notice of the desired change was duly entered on the minute of the previous session.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	Day of Meeting.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Number of Members.	No. of Minutes.
Beulah.	Palona.	J C Pool, Willie Wells.	J H Davis.	2	5	4	1	4	5	...	30	15
Canaan.	Kirkwood.	A R Ellington, B P Roberts.	W P Dorrill.	2	10	...	5	...	1	...	46	15
Camden.	Camden.	R E Melvin, B G Garner.	R G Barrett.	3	10	4	4	1	1	...	28	20
Carthage.	Carthage.	S Wiggins, W R Lacy.	J H Davis.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Center Hill.	Conway.	J H Cockroft, S G Waggoner, T J Moore.	R G Barrett.	1	9	5	1	6	3	...	84	15
Good Hope, M.	Couparle.	R G Barrett, H Stewart, Jas Branch, B F Cotton.	R G Barrett.	4	28	3	4	31	2	2	86	15
Good Hope, L.	Good Hope.	Jonathan Beard, Henry Collier.	Dr T E Morris.	4	1	...	1	3	1	...	92	25
Hopewell Ctw.	Carthage.	Sile Smith, Sexton James.	Eld Jack.	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	40	12
Hopewell.	New Port.	J M Sandidge, I T Smith.	R G Barrett.	2	2	...	...	5	1	3	97	15
Jerusalem.	Ludlow.	J C Denson, J N Denson, T H Lee.	M B Manno.	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	79	20
Midway.	Coosa.	S D Jackson, W I Phillips.	J C Foster.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	6
Mt Zion, C'tw.	Carthage.	M Wishoche, T Chitto.	Allen Wilson.	4	5	5	...	...	5	2	64	24
Mt Zion.	High Hill.	J H Gomillion, G W Brantly, J A Thomas.	L P Murrell.	4	4	...	...	1	1	3	90	30
New Hope.	Estes Mill.	W W Reeves, J A Adams.	E T Barnett.	3	6	...	...	1	2	...	34	15
New Union.	Carthage.	W Green, W W Thomas.	W P Dorrill.	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	14	10
Old Rocky P't.	Palona.	W P Dorrill, Elf Douglass, J M Dorrill.	W P Dorrill.	1	1	3	10	5	6	1	71	25
Pleasant Hill.	Carthage.	J R Troutman, J C McBeth.	A J Cockroft.	2	1	...	2	3	...	...	46	15
Rocky Point.	Carthage.	Alfred Tullis W B Rawson.	E T Dendy.	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	10
Standing Pine Carthage.	Carthage.	J W Gilbert, A M Barnett.	E T Dendy.	1	4	...	2	...	1	1	34	10

Stump Bridge Canton	J H Hickman, C M Byars	J J W Mathis	4	7	1	1	43	15
Salem	Palona	G N Borrill, W T Mooney	4	7	1	1	46	15
Thomastown	George Yeager, Wm Martin, T B Biallock	J H Davis	3	7	1	6	81	20
New Prvd'nce	No statistics							15
Harmony	No statistics							6
Mt. Carmel	Not represented							10
Mars Hill	Not represented							10
Total			68	28	45	56	88	894



